



READ THE ALMA MERCHANT'S ADS

Local Business Men Are Offering Many a Rare Bargain.

WILL MAKE SHOPPING EASIER

Get in Touch With the Christmas Spirit by Shopping Early and Save Worry

Alma's merchants are offering a golden opportunity to the Christmas shoppers this year, with the greatest array of goods that have ever loaded down their shelves, and has been the case in the past the merchants of the city are using the Alma Record columns to bring the news of their many bargains to the eye of the public.

This is the time of year, when everyone is thinking of spending money, this depending only on the amount that is available, or which good judgment says should be used for Christmas presents, and the Alma Record would suggest that the readers of the paper go over the various advertisements carefully. See what the merchants have to offer, and if you can make up your mind about what you want, when you get into the various stores to make your purchases, you will be able to make them in the shortest time, saving worry and trouble for yourself as well as the merchants and their clerks.

The Record would also suggest that the later part of this week and the fore part of next week would be the ideal time to shop. The stocks will still be complete at this time, and those making their purchases early are assured of a good selection, and better buying will result. It will also aid in relieving that customary last day rush of the late shoppers.

Alma's live wire merchants, who have taken advantage of the large circulation of the Alma Record to bring their bargains to your door follow:

- Cushing & Benedict—Shoes, dry-goods, toys.
- Gratiot County Gas Company—Gas.
- Crandell & Scott—Furniture.
- Home Lumber & Fuel Company—Fuel and lumber.
- Alma Grain & Lumber Company—Flour and electric power.
- Economy Shoe Store—Shoes.
- Slater & Goodes—Men's furnishings.
- Welch Bazaar—Bazaar goods.
- DeLuxe Candy Company—Xmas candies.
- Measuring—Men's furnishings, etc.
- Look-Paterson Drug Store—Drugs and sundries.
- J. A. Gerhardt—Drygoods.
- Fortine Brothers—Fruits, candies.
- Alma State Savings Bank—Landis Club.
- A. B. Scattergood—Jewelry.
- G. V. Wright—Furniture.
- First State Bank—Christmas Club.
- Earl C. Clapp—Hardware.
- M. L. Perrigo—Studebaker garage.
- George H. Smith—Holland furnishings.
- A. W. Brunner—Drugs, etc.
- Model Bakery—Bread, pastry.
- J. M. Montigel—Farm implements.
- Alma Elevator—Fuel, grain.
- Mrs. Gaffney—Fancy goods and ready to wear.
- Lunchini Bros.—Fruits, candies.
- H. B. Hough—Hardware.
- Ellison's—Grocery.
- F. L. Rice—Lumber and homes.
- C. M. Johnson—Fords.
- Leonard Mitchell—Auto livery.
- Miller Bros.—Grocery.
- Alma Vaudeville.
- A. W. Davis—Smokers' joys.
- W. S. Proud—Drygoods and shoes.
- J. P. Loney—Jewelry.
- C. H. Smith—Baked goods.
- Earl Crampton—Groceries.
- Edert Eckert—Meat market.
- P. W. Greaser—Real estate.
- Idlehour—Movies.
- Willett—Groceries.
- G. J. Maier—Clothing and furnishings.
- R. H. Brown—Tinner, etc.

A Most Merry Christmas



ONCE again as the Yuletide season rapidly approaches, The Alma Record desires to express its sincere wishes that all may enjoy a most happy and merry Christmas. Not because The Alma Record has prospered during the past year, but because the entire country has enjoyed a boom unparalleled in world history; because the United States is at peace with the world, and because the dark, low hovering war clouds in stricken Europe are seemingly on the rise, rifts having appeared that may bring the desired end, should we all be able to enjoy the more, and the more cheerfully say "A Merry Christmas."

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ALMA MAY GET A NEW FACTORY

Western Concern Has a Fine Business Proposition for the City

In an interview with a Record reporter Mr. C. W. Reemtsen of Des Moines, Iowa, who is here representing the Western Motor Appliance Company of Iowa said, "Yes, it is true, we have a carburetor which successfully uses the cheapest grade of kerosene as fuel." When asked to prove it he laughed and invited us to take a ride in one of Mitchell's taxicabs which is now equipped with the "Western Kerosene Carburetor." The proof was adequate. Among the many features of excellence the slow speed, on "high" demonstrated perfect control of fuel and more power in the kerosene than in gasoline. The "pick up" was surprisingly quick.

When this carburetor was installed last Saturday Mr. Mitchell filled the tank with seven and a half cent kerosene, the cheapest to be had, and made twenty miles run on the first gallon. Mr. Reemtsen states that Mr. George S. Elston of Colorado Springs, Colorado, drove 205 miles in ten hours, three people in the car, and used just seven gallons of kerosene and reported the smoothest run of his experience.

Because of manufacturing conditions in the west and considering the fact that Michigan leads all of the states in the manufacture of internal combustion motor driven vehicles it has been decided to bring this industry to this center. It is being offered to Alma because, as Mr. Reemtsen puts it, Alma is a coming city with her "history" very largely ahead and not behind her. No concessions are asked other than those cheerfully extended to any industry wishing to locate here.

When the subject of location for the factory was mentioned he was reserved in his statements saying that there are a great many choice locations in the city which meet their every requirement of ample room and track facilities for car load shipments of supplies and finished products.

The brass and aluminum foundry will be of the latest crude oil burning type and along with the iron foundry and the machine shop have capacity enough to meet the demand for this and other money saving appliances. The small block of stock that will be released at par is rapidly being spoken for by those who have seen the carburetor. It is planned to have the factory in Alma in operation in time to fill all back orders by the first of April. The factory in Iowa to be operated to full capacity until the buildings here are ready for the machinery.

- Kensington Heights Subdivision.
- W. E. Baker—Photos.
- Berkley Players—Opera House.
- Mrs. Edna Kelly—Suits and dresses.
- Murphy's—Drug store.
- R. H. Hyde—Silos.
- Burman & Sons—Hides, furs and poultry.
- Pardee—Flowers.

Merry Christmas to all.

A NEAR FATALITY AT BRECKENRIDGE

Sam Naffziger Near Death When Car Crashes into P. M. Flyer

SAM REVERSED USUAL ORDER

And Ran Down Train With His Ford and Lives to Tell All About it.

Sam Naffziger of Breckenridge flitted with death on Tuesday afternoon, when he attempted to cross the Pere Marquette tracks at Breckenridge, when the west bound flyer was approaching.

Finding that he could not cross the track ahead of the train Naffziger shut off his engine, but the momentum of the car coupled with the slippery snow covered road, which aided the momentum of the car, sent it crashing against the rapidly running train. The Ford, for such the car was, hit the baggage car of the train, knocked a spring under the baggage car sideways, and otherwise badly battered it, and then ripped the steps off from the smoking car, it is said. The Ford was smashed to pieces from the force of the collision.

Naffziger was badly injured, and while the baggage car was being fixed, so that the train could continue its run, Dr. Howe of Breckenridge was summoned to attend the badly injured man. The train was held up for about an hour, and then proceeded as rapidly as possible, with Naffziger aboard, to Alma, where he was quickly removed to the hospital.

Examination at the hospital here brought forth the fact that while his head was severely cut and battered, he had an excellent chance to pull through. It is not thought at this time that Naffziger is suffering from internal injuries.

Naffziger, who formerly lived near Alma, now operates a livery at Breckenridge.

PORTABLE SCHOOLS

School Board Considering Purchasing A Couple to Use Here

Owing to the crowded conditions of the local school, the school board is seriously considering the purchase of a couple of portable school houses for use in the city of Alma.

If, after thoroughly going into the matter, the board considers it advisable to be purchased.

If the schools are purchased one will probably be placed on the Union school lot, for use of one of the grades now in the Union school and one will be placed somewhere on the east side, where most needed.

Next Monday one of the grades will start using the large room in the City hall, this having been made necessary through the big increase in the number of students in the schools. It is expected that about forty students will be accommodated in the City hall.

AN OLD RESIDENT HAS PASSED AWAY

Miss Catherine Delavan, a Resident Here For Years, Died Last Week

Miss Catherine Delavan, who died Dec. 6th, 1916 was born in Jonesville, Michigan, June 4th, 1841. Her parents were H. A. and M. T. Delavan. Miss Catherine was baptised in infancy in the Episcopal church of which her parents were communicants. After her schooling was completed which was unusually good for those days, she was engaged in teaching in the south. While there she had the singular experience of being confirmed by Bishop Leondias Polk, who became general Polk of the confederate army and was known as the fighting bishop, and whose death was caused by a cannon ball at Pine Mountain in 1864. During the war, in attempts to reach their home in the north Miss Catherine and her sister had many stirring adventures, being befriended by many persons of eminence, especially by dignitaries of the Episcopal church. In those days, even in times of peace, travel was difficult, in time of war it was particularly so. In 1873 Miss Catherine came to Alma where her family had settled in 1871. This place then found very different from the settled community she had left in Jonesville, notably in the opportunities for Christian worship. She soon gathered a few children around her and commenced a Sunday school in her parents home. This was the first instruction given in the doctrines of the book of Common Prayer, at that time unknown and generally unheard of. In the same home the Episcopal service was rendered as opportunity prescribed itself. The arrangements were very primitive and were attended by not more than a dozen.

By the deeply religious mind of Miss Delavan found satisfaction in this way. When Mr. Holcomb of St. Louis secured the occasional services of a clergyman from Saginaw to officiate in St. Louis the Delavan family were invited and eagerly accepted the opportunity inviting those to accompany them. As the number of people increased services were begun in Alma. Miss Catherine had great joy when Bishop Harris came and officiated. From that time on the church with many struggles grew in power and efficiency. All this time the work of the Sunday school was being carried on. Miss Catherine was the first to bring the idea of the Christmas tree into the school. Many men and women, now living in Alma remember these trees in the Delavan home and think of them and mention them frequently. In due time people came into the village who were strong church people and capable of rendering substantial assistance. The building of St. John's church was the result. Miss Delavan was active in everything that was refined and elevating. Always eager to render assistance. By reason of her education, and travel, and wide range of reading she was a delightful person to talk with, retaining her faculties almost to the last. The funeral services in Alma were held in the home

HE LANDS THREE BIG SCHEDULES

Coach Helmer Gets Big List of Tilts in Three M. I. A. A. Sports.

ALMA MEETS ALL COLLEGES

Eight Basket Ball, Nine Base Ball and Four Football Games Are Listed

Coach Harry Helmer was at Albion last week Saturday at a meeting of the scheduling committee of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and the Alma Mentor succeeded in getting a big list of M. I. A. A. attractions in basket ball, base ball and football for the coming year, a list that is larger than Alma has had in many years.

In basket ball Alma has secured eight M. I. A. A. games, whereas Kalamazoo college, the one team that Alma must defeat to win the basket ball championship only gets six games. Helmer certainly is to be congratulated on this schedule. Should Alma and Kalamazoo take the home and home games that these teams play and win all others, as is expected, Alma would top Kalamazoo, having two more games.

In base ball Alma has nine M. I. A. A. attractions. Alma plays Kalamazoo college, the champs, twice, the games being home and home affairs. Olivet is also to be played twice, once here and once at Olivet.

In football Adrian, Olivet and Kalamazoo are booked away and Albion college for a home game.

In all of these sports other games are listed, which promise to make the various schedules most attractive ones.

The Schedules:

- Basket Ball**
- January 6—Adrian at Alma.
- January 12—Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant.
- January 18—D. A. C. at Detroit.
- January 19—Olivet college at Alma.
- January 24—M. A. C. at Alma.
- January 26—Hope at Holland.
- January 27—Grand Rapids at Grand Rapids.
- February 2—Hillsdale college at Alma.
- February 9—Hope college at Alma.
- February 10—Ypsilanti Normals at Alma.
- February 16—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.
- February 17—Adrian at Adrian.
- February 23—Kalamazoo college at Alma.
- March 3—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.
- March 7—Olivet at Olivet.
- March 8—Ypsilanti Normal at Ypsilanti.
- Base Ball**
- April 20—Ypsilanti at Alma.
- April 27—Alma at Olivet.
- April 28—Alma at Hillsdale.
- May 4—Hillsdale at Alma.
- May 11—Albion at Albion.
- May 12—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.
- May 18—Kalamazoo college at Alma.
- May 19—Adrian at Alma.
- May 25—Albion at Alma.
- May 26—Olivet at Alma.
- Football**
- October 13—Adrian at Adrian.
- October 21—Hillsdale at Alma.
- October 27—Alma at Olivet.
- November 11—Olivet at Olivet.
- November 18—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.

on State street, and were conducted by the rector of St. John's church. On Friday morning, the remains were taken to Jonesville, where a large number of friends of many years standing were gathered to pay their last tribute. The Rev. W. E. Jerome, Rector officiated in the solemn service which commanded the soul into the church triumphant of one who three score and ten years before had in that very place been by baptism received into the church militant.